

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**Exhibit 2b. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Stainless Steel Products**

Quantity in metric tons/value In thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Commodity Grouping	December 2004 Cumulative To Date - Final		December 2003 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
<b>Total Selected Commodities</b>	<b>916,583</b>	<b>2,521,984</b>	<b>724,870</b>	<b>1,491,347</b>
Ingot And Steel For Castings	8,560	17,200	26,152	34,049
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	166,557	370,850	139,874	207,515
Wire Rods	37,593	90,364	29,596	49,096
Structural Shapes Heavy	2,838	9,513	1,887	5,701
Plates Cut Lengths	30,591	80,247	23,435	44,197
Plates In Coils	31,679	87,109	25,478	44,838
Bars - Hot Rolled	19,700	60,598	13,188	27,160
Bars - Light Shaped	13,533	36,611	10,038	21,250
Bars - Cold Finished	61,797	190,258	51,091	117,166
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	107,949	464,946	86,368	309,023
Wire Drawn	38,086	142,706	31,122	95,998
Sheets Hot Rolled	15,378	36,505	11,630	15,946
Sheets Cold Rolled	341,503	800,017	237,366	408,026
Strip - Hot Rolled	1,570	3,942	370	831
Strip - Cold Rolled	39,249	131,117	37,275	110,551

NOTE: See the cover report specifically explaining the current month's preliminary steel imports trade data or [www.census.gov/ foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel\\_index.html](http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html).